

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/627,171

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to The patent application filed July 25, 2003.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. **Claims 1-8** are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Consider **claims 1, 5, 6, 7, and 8**, the best prior art of record found during the examination of the present application, **Lantto et al. (US Patent 7,152,160)** discloses performing proxy authentication (*using a method such as CHAP – Column 2, Lines 4-7*) of a device (*computer 401 – Figure 4*) tethered to a wireless unit (*GPRS handset 403 – Figure 4*) (*Abstract; Column 5, Lines 64-67; Column 9, Lines 40-62 – Figures 3 and 4*).

However, Lantto et al. fails to specifically disclose intercepting the challenge directed to the tethered device and performing the challenge/response without collaboration with the tethered device. Lantto et al. discloses that negotiations, 'PPP negotiation phase' 405, take place between the GPRS handset 403 and the computer 401 as a Link Control Protocol exchange (*Column 10, Lines 45-62*) before initiating the authentication and activation procedure by submitting the 'Activate PDP Context Request' 406 (*Column 10, Lines 63-67*). The acknowledgement is returned to the GPRS handset and forwarded to the computer once the session is set up (*Column 11, Lines 1-6*). This process can be performed in a transparent manner.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon and is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure is listed below.

US 20040044789 A1	Dynamic service-aware aggregation of PPP sessions over variable network tunnels	Angel, Eli et al.
US 6512754 B2	Point-to-point protocol encapsulation in ethernet frame	Feder, Peretz et al.
US 6745047 B1	System and method for using a wireless enabled portable computer system as a wireless modem	Karstens, Rich et al.
US 20040219954 A1	Sharing account information and a phone number between personal mobile phone and an in-vehicle embedded phone	Odinak, Gilad
US 6785823 B1	Method and apparatus for authentication in a wireless telecommunications system	Abrol, Nischal et al.
US 6879574 B2	Mobile mesh Ad-Hoc networking	Naghian, Siamak et al.
US 5668876 A	User authentication method and apparatus	Falk, Johan Per et al.

4. Any response to this Office Action should be **faxed to (571) 273-8300 or mailed to:**

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Simon A. Goetze whose telephone number is (571) 270-1113. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 7:30am to 5:00pm and Friday from 7:30am to 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Nick Corsaro can be reached on (571) 272-7876. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.


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